

**Jacksonville Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship for Business
January 10, 2016**

Minutes

Attendees: Elaine Martin, Willie Hager, Al Geiger, Wendy Clarissa Geiger, Sue Watson, Sue Williams, Mike Shell, Jimmy Rosado, Sita Rosado.

Query: Do I come to Meeting for Worship for Business with my heart and mind prepared to be open to the leadings of the Spirit?

Minutes of November 8, 2015 – Approved with changes as noted.

- Page 1 – "Friends recalled that Bruce Gagnon and Carol Mosley both began with coordinating Florida Coalition for Peace & Justice and went on to found international activist organizations."
- Page 2 – "Content for each issue should be given to Wendy by the Monday before the last Sunday of the month."

Treasurer's Report - Sue Watson

- Meeting has received \$50 from St. Petersburg Meeting for our AVP efforts.
- The Treasurer advises that Meeting can well afford the \$50/month rent to be paid to Florida Christian Center (FCC) for First Day use.
- Minuted – *Friends approved the Treasurer's proposal to send Southeastern Yearly Meeting (SEYM) a donation of \$1,000 to cover the remaining \$933 of our annual apportionment.*

Meeting Location – Willie Hager

- In the spirit of Meeting's 10/11/15 minute re the urgency of finding a new location, Willie spoke with Kimberly A. Weir, FCC's chaplain and executive director, about use of FCC's activity center.
 - 10/11/15 minute - *Friends reluctantly agreed that Meeting must accept a temporary location even if it does not meet our wheelchair accessibility and acoustical requirements.*
- The Clerk and the Treasurer joined Willie in negotiating a 6-month renewable contract at a fee of \$50/month (see attached [contract and building use procedure](#)).
- Minuted – *Friends approved staying in the Florida Christian Center for the 6-month contract. At that time Friends will decide whether to extend the contract.*
- Liability insurance – The Treasurer reports that Meeting's liability insurance coverage is still in effect, but she will investigate the limits of its coverage in this new location (in particular as it applies to Meeting's hosting of other organizations in this space).
- Signage – Willie will make additional Meeting location and parking signs at the expense of the Meeting.
- Al Geiger agreed to keep the extra set of keys to FCC.

Potluck and 2nd hour activities

- Friends agreed to continue the 3rd First Day potlucks at the new location. The next potluck will follow meeting for worship on 2/21/2016. The Clerk will ask FCC for a space to store our potluck supplies & equipment.
- Friends agreed to read Patience Schenck's 2011 pamphlet, *Living the Testimony of Equality* <https://www.quakerbooks.org/book/living-our-testimony-equality-white-friends-experience> (\$7/copy), and to discuss it after meeting for worship on 1/31/2016.
- Bonnie Hall proposed that we resume study of Quaker faith and practice during potlucks with the help of Rex Ambler's *The Quaker Way: A Rediscovery* <https://www.quakerbooks.org/book/quaker-way> (1998).
- Minuted – *Friends approved following potlucks with a discussion of Quaker faith and practice using the Rex Ambler book, The Quaker Way: A Rediscovery and SEYM Faith & Practice, under the leadership of Bonnie Hall.*

Hosting the use of FCC space by other groups

- Wendy proposed that Meeting host Wage Peace, which was formerly "under the care" of the social action committee of Unitarian Universalist Church of Jacksonville. Such hosting would be in compliance with the FCC contract as long as a responsible member of Meeting is present.
- The Treasurer questioned whether Meeting's liability insurance would apply in such a case.
- Another Friend pointed out that FCC's own liability insurance would not apply.

- Decision was deferred until next meeting for business while the liability issues and others are investigated.

SEYM Field Secretary for Earthcare

- On 11/19/15, Meeting addressed the following questions to Brad Stoker of SEYM:
 1. **Salary** – "Position will be salaried. The amount of salary will be based on \$15.00 per hour."
 - This statement leaves totally unspecified both the income to be paid and the number of hours of work to be expected.
 - What is the total income the FSE can expect? Is this full-time, part-time? If part-time, how many average hours/week?
 - Both candidates for the FSE position and the monthly meetings need this information before they can make any commitments.
 2. **Duration of position** – Is there a "sunset" to this position, or does it have unlimited duration?
- Brad responded (11/19/15 email to the Clerk) that pay for the position will depend on the amount of money raised.
 1. Earthcare Committee is seeking sustainable funding, with the goal of a \$32,000 full-time position.
 2. The intent is for this to be a continuing position, but there will be an annual evaluation (including an evaluation of actual activities accomplished) in order to determine continuation.
- Earthcare Committee Report for WIBM 2016 – Winter Interim Business Meeting (1/16/16) will consider approval of the proposal.
- A Friend recommended Piper Lewis of Friends General Conference as a candidate for the position.

Spiritual State of the Meeting

- The 2015 Spiritual State of the Meeting Statement is due to Yearly Meeting by 2/28/2016.
- Friends will discuss this statement following meeting for worship on 2/7/2016.
- The Recording Clerk will draft the statement for Meeting approval.

Directory Update – Wendy Clarissa Geiger is completing the annual review of Meeting's member and attender roster.

JAX Meeting and/or YM committees - Friends agreed to serve on the following:

- YM Peace & Social Concerns and Nominating Committees – Elaine Martin
- Meeting Hospitality Committee – Wendy, Willie, Bonnie, Jimmy, Sue Williams
- Meeting Inreach/Outreach Committee – Wendy (beginning in March)

Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP)

- Minuted – Jacksonville Friends Meeting joins with Ft. Myers, Miami, St. Petersburg, Tampa, and Tallahassee Meetings in sponsoring the Alternatives to Violence (AVP) within Southeastern Yearly Meeting. From meeting members and attenders, concerned Friends of Jacksonville may be identified and encouraged to go through the AVP training courses to become facilitators, who will then spread the AVP training experience within our community, as asked and led. The Meeting is asked to support the program by providing hospitality, if requested, discernment/ clearness for trainees and facilitators, as asked, and holding funds designate for the AVP program.
- Present funding comes from SEYM, AVP-USA and St. Petersburg meeting.
- The first Basic AVP training was held in Jacksonville in September, 2015.
- On the 1/24/16 weekend, Tampa Meeting will host an Advanced training workshop.
- Jacksonville intends to host a Facilitator training session in April.
- The Treasurer will add an AVP line to the Meeting budget.

Meeting Archives

- Connie Ray, Clerk of SEYM Archive Committee, has asked that
 - "Starting with 2016, all minutes and supporting documents for one calendar year should be put on a CD marked: SEYM Collection, monthly meeting name, year."
 - CDs are to be sent to Archivist, Special Collections, Smathers Library, PO Box 117005, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611-7005.
- One Friend objected to sending the archives to Smathers Library and prefers that we send them to the archives at Guilford College in Greensboro, NC.
- The Recording Clerk will search for and gather all archival materials from our various sources (Betty Freel, Elaine Martin, etc.) and will determine what portions of these materials are part of the SEYM request.
 - Al Geiger has JAX Meeting's MLK parade banner, which could be archived photographically.
- Willie reported having archival experience with Vets for Peace and will advise the recording clerk.
- Ken Hall voice concern that conventional CDs deteriorate after about 5 years, and that archives should be recorded on "archival CDs" (m-discs, which require a special drive for recording).
- Another Friend suggested investigating FGC's "Quaker Cloud" as a repository for archives
 - <http://www.fgcquaker.org/services/quaker-cloud>
 - The Treasurer reports that this service is \$50/month for meetings of ≤ 50 people.
- Decision deferred until next meeting for business.

Announcements

- 2016 Michener Lecture – January 17, 2016, Orlando Friends Meeting, "The Undivided Life: Being Spiritual & Political" Diane Randall, Executive Secretary, FCNL
- A Weekend with John Calvi, February 5-7, Gainesville Friend Meeting.

Submitted by
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1/24/2016